## Civil Penalty Assessment

## Ohio Department of Natural Resources DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT 2045 Morse Rd., Bldg. H-3

Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693

September 20, 2005

## PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT

American Energy Corporation 43521 May Hugh Hill Road Beallsville, OH 43716

## SUBJECT: PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT NUMBER 12367

For Notice of Cessation Order Number I-11726 Permit Number D-0425 issued on August 23, 2005, the permittee is hereby issued a proposed civil penalty assessment in the total amount of \$36,080.00. NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED UNTIL A FINAL ASSESSMENT IS ISSUED OR AN APPEAL IS FILED WITH THE RECLAMATION COMMISSION.

Failure to abate the Notice of Violation within the prescribed abatement time shall result in an additional civil penalty assessment of at least \$750.00 for each day during which such failure continues, up to thirty (30) days.

Michael L. Sponkler, Chief

Division of Mineral Resources Management

Pursuant to Sections 1513.02 and 1513.13 O.R.C. and 1501: 13-14-03 O.A.C., this assessment may be appealed by filing a notice of appeal and forward the amount of penalty, for placement in a escrow account, with the Reclamation Commission, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 2045 Morse Rd., Bldg. C-2, Columbus, Ohio 43229 within thirty (30) days after it is issued, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal with the chief within three (3) days after it is filed with the Reclamation Commission. The notice of appeal shall contain a copy of the civil penalty assessment and worksheets and the grounds upon which the appeal is based.

You may request an informal conference to review the <u>AMOUNT</u> of this assessment by writing to Greg Mills, Division of Mineral Resources Management, 34 Portsmouth Street, Jackson, OH, 45640, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this assessment. Time allowed for appeal to the Reclamation Commission shall be tolled from time the written request is received to the time the assessment is revised or upheld.

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